

## **Rural Residences**

“Rural Residences,” is point dataset that depicts housing structures appearing in non-urbanized landscapes. A minimum mapping unit of 2.5 acres was established in the original MIRIS standards. Therefore, if a feature on the landscape was not 2.5 acres or greater in size, it was not mapped. Many residences in an agricultural or forested landscape do not meet this mapping tolerance. In light of urban sprawl, habitat fragmentation, infrastructure, and emergency management concerns, the distribution and density of these “rural residences” has become critical to planning and policy decisions. In the development of this dataset, any residence, not already classified as such, receives a single point in the dataset.